(b) As per the present programme, films on Babasaheb Ambedkar, Shaikh Mohammad Abdullah, Kamla Nehru, M. N. Roy and S. Sathyamurthy are likely to be produced by Films Division.

Winding up of DAVP

1487. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of April 20, 1986 to the effect that the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will be wound up;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to wind up the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.

Provision of All Weather road under I.R.D.P.

1488. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed in the Sixth Five Year Plan to provide all weather roads to the villages having minimum population of 1500 people has been achieved in all the States of the country under the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the villages having population of more than 1500 people in Uttar Pradesh are still without any link road so far; and

(c) what action the Central Government are taking to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) implemented by the Department of Rural Development does not envisage provision of all wheather roads to villages. The Sixth Five Year Plan document lays down that all villages with population over 1500 and 50% of the villages with population between 1000-1500 are to be connected by all weather roads by 1990 under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and 50% of the villages to be so covered were to be connected by roads by the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan. According to these norms the Sixth Plan target for connecting villages with population over 1500 was 13257 villages and for villages with population between 1000-1500 was 3651 villages. Against these targets the actual achievements were 10924 and 6839 villages, in the two categories respectively. Statements I and II showing statewise position of targets and achievements for rural roads under MNP are attached. It will be seen that in the case of Uttar Pradesh there was a shortfall in the coverage of villages with population over 1500 but the State had exceeded the target for coverage of villages with population between 1000-1500. It may be stated here that the States have been advised to take up construction of rural roads under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Employment Programmes of National Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) also. Expenditure under NREP is shared between the Centre and the States on 50:50 basis and that under RLEGP is met entirely by the Centre. During the Sixth Plan period 78164 kms. of roads were constructed in Uttar Pradesh under NREP. Under RLEGP the total cost of road projects sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh during the Sixth Plan period is Rs. 166.25 crores.